

In the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

The components referred to above obey the following characteristics:

Boiling <u>Melting</u> point:	a maximum of 2000°C
Density:	4.47–8.0 g/cm ³
% niobium oxide:	99.4
Sulphur ppm:	10
Fe ppm:	229
Pb ppm:	< 1
Granulometry:	[–180 to 45 μm] <u>(100 – 400 # Tyler mesh size)</u>